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TO: Commission on EMS

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SUBJECT: Reconvening of the Paramedic Task Force

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive information on the reconvening of the Paramedic Task Force.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There will be costs to the EMS Authority for staff time and travel as well as operating costs such as teleconferencing, printing, and postage. Costs for time and travel will also be incurred by the members of the constituent groups represented on the Paramedic Task Force, but there will be no financial reimbursement available through the EMS Authority.

DISCUSSION:

Assembly Bill 1655 authored by Assembly Member Negrete McLeod was passed by the Legislature and takes effect January 1, 2005. This bill adds Section 1798.210 to the Health and Safety Code which allows the EMS Authority to impose an administrative fine of up to two thousand five hundred dollars per violation on any licensed paramedic found to have committed any of the actions described by subdivision (c) of Section 1798.200 that did not result in actual harm to a patient. Fines may not be imposed if a paramedic has previously been disciplined by the EMS Authority for any other act committed within the immediately preceding five-year period. It further states that Section 1798.210 requires the EMS Authority to adopt regulations establishing an administrative fine structure, taking into account the nature and gravity of the violation.

The Paramedic Task Force has been reconvened to develop a proposed administrative fine structure for inclusion in the Paramedic Regulations. A list of the Task Force members is attached. The EMS Authority facilitators for the Task Force will be Richard McSherry, Chief of Enforcement, and Nancy Steiner, Chief of EMS Personnel Standards and Licensing.

It is anticipated that it will take two to six months for development of the proposal and that the first meeting of the Paramedic Task Force will occur in early December by teleconference

call. Once a proposal has been developed by the Task Force members, the EMS Authority will begin the rulemaking process for inclusion of the administrative fine structure in regulations.

[Attachment](#)

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Bill Koenig, MD	California Chapter of American College of Emergency Physicians
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Sabina Imrie, Battalion Chief Alternate: Cathy Ord	California Fire Chiefs Association
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